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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH SADAT

1. LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD, WHICH SADAT ASKED ME TO HAND CARRY TO WASHINGTON, FOCUSES ENTIRELY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AND SPECIFICALLY ON HIS DESIRE FOR FRG SEND ECONOMIC ADVISER. SADAT GAVE ME SOME ORAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HIS REQUEST AND HIS OBJECTIVE AND WANTS OUR HELP IN PERSUADING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO GO ALONG. SINCE SADAT CONSIDERS DETAILS SENSITIVE, I WILL CONVEY THESE TO YOU WHEN I GET TO WASHINGTON. THIS IS WHY HE ASKED THAT I HAND CARRY LETTER BACK.

2. SADAT ALSO RAISED THE MATTER OF GULF OF SUEZ OIL DRILLING. SWEARINGEN'S COMMENTS (CAIRO 13973) EVIDENTILY MADE A CONSIDERABL IMPRESSION UPON HIM AND THE PRESIDENT IS VERY ANXIOUS THAT WE GET ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO AMOCO OIL DRILLING EAST OF THE MEDIAN LINE. HE WAS NOT AGGRESSIVE ABOUT IT, BUT REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THE ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF REACHING THE ONE MILLION BPD FIGURE BY 1980 IF GOE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS TO BE IMPROVED.

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AS YOU INSTRUCTED, I SIMPLY TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE

VERY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, THAT YOU HAVE HAD TWO
TALSK WITH ALLON ON THE SUBJECT AND THAT WE ARE
CONTINUING TO PRESS THE ISRAELIS TO ALLOW DRILLING
AT 304.1. SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, BUT I
HOPED TO BE ABLE TELL HIM MORE WHEN I RETURN FROM
WASHINGTON. SADAT WAS PLEASE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING
TO PUSH THE ISRAELIS ON THIS MATTER.

3. RE PAR 2, STTE 254357, SINCE SADAT DID NOT
RAISE THE ISRAELI ARMS MATTER, I THOUGHT IT BEST
NOT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT. INCIDENTIALLY,
AFTER YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL, WHICH
GHORBAL WILL CERTAINLY REPORT TO CAIRO, I SUSPECT
THAT WHEN SUBJECT IS RAISED BY SADAT OR FAHMY,
"PERSONAL" OPION SET FORTH PARA 2 STATE 254357
IS NOT LIKELY TO VERY PERSUASIVE. NOR IS CONTINUING
SENSTATIONAL ISRAELI PRESS REPORTAGE LIKELY TO ALLAY
EGYPTIAN CONCERNS.
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